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PROJECT HAS KIDS PULLING FOR OTHER KIDS

Fifth-graders in Pam Moreau's math classes are getting a lesson in numbers while helping other kids.

About 80 pupils at the Milford Middle School in New Hampshire began collecting metal pull-tabs from soft drink cans last fall and donating them to the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, Mass., which treats orthopaedic patients; other Shriners Hospitals, such as one in Boston, treat child burns patients.

The hospital sells the tabs to an aluminum recycler and uses the money to purchase a variety of medical and nonmedical items, from X-ray film to children's books and VCR tapes patients use during their hospitalization.

As of mid-April, the Milford pupils had collected about 80,000 of the small metal objects—an average of 1,000 per pupil. The dollar value of their efforts is estimated to be \$130, so far [price fluctuates daily].

"It's a project we got started for the fun of it . . . but the kids come in with thousands each week," said Moreau, who added they might expand the effort to include more pupils next year.

Many pupils involve their parents, aunts, and uncles in their collecting, said Moreau. One girl made a bin for employees at her father's workplace to donate the tabs. Each month, Moreau gives out a small prize to the pupils who collect the most.

She said their collecting efforts have translated well in the math classes—pupils keep track of their collecting by plotting numbers on graphs. They deposit them into empty five-gallon water bottles, and have filled about five since they began.

It has also spawned a sense of recycling, which for many Milford residents is already the norm. But she said pupils have taken to checking the family garbage and picking up cans littering local parks.

Moreau said she learned about the fundraising project through a friend who saves the tabs and gives them to Chief Grayden, a Nashua Shriner active in Shriners Hospitals. Grayden regularly drives local patients to their treatments in Boston or Springfield, and he brings the tabs to Springfield when he has a bunch.

Moreau said they kicked off the volunteer effort by inviting Grayden in to speak about how collecting them would help other kids. Since then, pupils have been unstoppable.

"It's kids helping kids," she said. "Even though they never have met these kids, they think it's great to be helping out."●

DEATH OF RALPH H. GOODPASTEUR

● Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, on June 20, 1996, the First Church of Deliverance in Chicago lost a minister of music and music director who had brought great joy, great energy, and great spirituality to its services for over 48 years. On that same date, gospel music lost an innovator, and a tremendous talent, a singer, pianist, composer, and arranger who performed with such great artists as Mahalia Jackson, Ethel Waters, Earl "Fatha" Hines, Sally Martin, and Nat King Cole.

Ralph H. Goodpasteur died on June 20, 1996. His death is a great loss to the First Church of Deliverance, to its ministers, staff, and congregation, to gospel music, to his relatives, and to his legions of friends.

Ralph Goodpasteur was born on December 12, 1923, in Columbus, IN. He was educated in the public schools in Richmond, IN. He was a graduate of the University of Southern California, with a degree in English and music, and George Williams College, where he received a masters degree in music.

His musical ability was apparent at an early age, and he began a musical career at age 7. His church life dates back almost as long as his musical interests. He was baptized at the Second Baptist Church at age 7. His entire life was spent combining those two great loves. Religious music, songs of praise and spiritual uplifting, were all part of his special gift, one that he shared with millions.

In 1943, he became pianist and director of the gospel choir of the Grant A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles, CA. In 1948, however, my home town of Chicago, IL was fortunate enough to become Ralph Goodpasteur's home town.

In Chicago, he brought life and joy, not just to the congregation at the First Church of Deliverance, but to every life he touched. His impact on his community was enormous. The love, the admiration, and the respect his adopted home town of Chicago had for him was evidenced by the fact that Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago issued a proclamation making October 4, 1987, Ralph Goodpasteur day. He has been recognized for his many contributions by institutions ranging from the Chicago Historical Society to the Smithsonian Institution to academic institutions throughout the world.

His life was a life of service to others, through his work in the church, and through his music generally. He was a wonderful gospel singer and composer, and used gospel music to move people, and to bring them closer to God. He was the first African-American to have a song published as a hymn in the 1975 edition of the National Baptist Hymnal, Southern Baptist Convention.

He was a special friend to me personally. I called him Uncle Ralph, as did many others, and he gave of his time to help me in my election effort. "Uncle Ralph" helped in many ways, but most importantly, with campaign finance. He was good at that, and brought the same commitment to excellence to the task that he brought to every endeavor he undertook. I will miss him.

Ralph Goodpasteur lived a life filled with accomplishment. He will be long remembered by all those who knew him, or who heard him perform. He has left all of us something very enduring, however; his legacy of music will live on and on for generations to come.

I regret that all of my colleagues have not had the opportunity to come to know Ralph Goodpasteur. I urge every Member of this Senate to allow his wonderful music to become a part of their lives.●

TRIBUTE TO COL. STANLEY F. DAVIDSON

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Col. Stanley F. Davidson, who will retire from the U.S. Army on July 1, 1996 after completing a long and distinguished career of more than 30 years of service to our Nation, including 6 years of service in key assignments in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. I would like to take a few minutes to highlight some of his contributions and accomplishments.

Colonel Davidson joined the U.S. Army Reserve as a private on August 30, 1965 and rose to the rank of sergeant. After completing 4 years of enlisted service, he was selected to attend Officer Candidate School and was appointed a second lieutenant on June 16, 1969. He served in several Army Reserve units within the 77th U.S. Army Reserve Command and the 98th Division (Training) in the State of New York and in the Missouri Army National Guard. He subsequently rose through the commissioned ranks and was promoted to the grade of colonel on June 25, 1996.

Prior to entering on active duty, Colonel Davidson's military positions included supply sergeant, detachment commander, platoon leader, and company commander in various engineer and military police units. Colonel Davidson entered on active duty for the U.S. Army Reserve as a member of the Active Guard and Reserve Program on August 1, 1977. His initial active duty assignment was as a captain in the Office of Recruiting and Retention at Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA. Following this assignment, he was transferred to the Pentagon where he served as a staff officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He was later assigned as a manpower mobilization planner in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel.

His subsequent assignments were in the Personnel Division of the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve and on Project Vanguard in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army. He was then transferred to the newly established U.S. Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, GA, where he served as Chief of the Personnel Management Division. Returning once again to the Pentagon, Colonel Davidson served as the Chief of the Office of Policy and Liaison in the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve.

Colonel Davidson also served as liaison officer to the Reserve Forces Policy Board in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; to the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army; and to the Reserve Components Coordination Council in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Colonel Davidson's current assignment is as a field representative on the staff of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and